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## **Sen. Cassis' legislation upheld in court decision**

**LANSING** – State Sen. Nancy Cassis, R-Novi, applauded the decision by Judge James Gidding, Ingham County Circuit Court, to uphold her legislation and allow Henry Ford Health System and St. John Health to transfer beds to underserved areas in Novi and West Bloomfield.

“With this ruling, residents of western Oakland County can finally enjoy security of having inpatient hospital facilities right in their own communities. This will be a comfort to all, especially our seniors and others with special needs,” Cassis said. “This decision promotes the health, safety and welfare of western Oakland County citizens.”

Cassis sponsored the language in Public Act 619 that allowed the hospitals a one-time opportunity to transfer beds. The judge's decision upholds this language.

“The residents of Novi, Northville, South Lyon, Wixom and Walled Lake, along with the police and fire departments, have expressed serious concern at the constant delays in providing needed inpatient beds in this rapidly growing community,” said Elliot Joseph, president and CEO of St. John Health. “This is wonderful news for the residents of western Oakland County as well as for all residents served by St. John Health. We commend Senator Cassis for her diligent effort on behalf of the citizens in western Oakland County.”

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